

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (*Currently Amended*) An end-clip for a garment hanger, comprising:

a bar having an end;

a connecting part with a first end and a second end, the connecting part being joined at the first end to and extending from the end of the bar;

an arm joined to the second end of the connecting part so that the arm extends over the bar and forms a space between the arm and the bar, the arm having an end;

an elongated pressing member carried by the arm so that the pressing member is biased towards the bar by the arm and so that at least a part of a garment is receivable between the pressing member and the bar; and

a stop member ~~[[on]]~~ in the form of an elongated cantilever that has a free end and an opposing end, the opposing end being connected to at least one of the connecting part and the arm on a side facing the pressing member, the stop member being located at least partially above the pressing member at a sufficient distance so that the pressing member contacts the stop member when a garment is inserted between the pressing member and the bar.

2. (*Currently Amended*) An end-clip as recited in claim 1, wherein the stop member ~~is an elongate member that~~ extends from the side of the connecting part at an angle downwardly toward the pressing member.

3. (*Currently Amended*) An end-clip as recited in claim 2, wherein ~~[[a]]~~ the free end of the stop member is curved upwardly so as to form a rounded contact surface directed toward the pressing member.

4. (*Currently Amended*) An end-clip as recited in claim 1, wherein the stop member ~~is a wave-shaped element that~~ has a wave shape and projects from the side of the connecting part, the wave shape being such that ~~a distal end region~~ the free end of the stop member is closer to the

pressing member than a ~~proximal~~ the opposing end of the stop member which is mounted to the connecting part.

5. *(Currently Amended)* ~~An end-clip as recited in claim 1,~~ An end-clip for a garment hanger, comprising:

a bar having an end;

a connecting part with a first end and a second end, the connecting part being joined at the first end to and extending from the end of the bar;

an arm joined to the second end of the connecting part so that the arm extends over the bar and forms a space between the arm and the bar, the arm having an end;

an elongated pressing member carried by the arm so that the pressing member is biased towards the bar by the arm and so that at least a part of a garment is receivable between the pressing member and the bar; and

a stop member on at least one of the connecting part and the arm on a side facing the pressing member, the stop member being located at least partially above the pressing member at a sufficient distance so that the pressing member contacts the stop member when a garment is inserted between the pressing member and the bar;

wherein the stop member is a cantilevered member that projects laterally from the connecting part.

6. *(Original)* An end-clip as recited in claim 5, wherein a free end of the cantilevered member has a downwardly angled portion arranged to be engageable with the pressing member.

7. *(Currently Amended)* An end-clip as recited in claim 1, wherein the stop member ~~is an elongate member that~~ extends downwardly at an angle from the arm.

8. *(Original)* An end-clip as recited in claim 7, wherein the stop member extends from the arm at an angle of substantially 90°.

9. (Original) An end-clip as recited in claim 1, wherein the stop member is provided in a corner formed by the arm and the connecting part.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~An end-clip as recited in claim 1,~~ An end-clip for a garment hanger, comprising:

a bar having an end;

a connecting part with a first end and a second end, the connecting part being joined at the first end to and extending from the end of the bar;

an arm joined to the second end of the connecting part so that the arm extends over the bar and forms a space between the arm and the bar, the arm having an end;

an elongated pressing member carried by the arm so that the pressing member is biased towards the bar by the arm and so that at least a part of a garment is receivable between the pressing member and the bar; and

a stop member on at least one of the connecting part and the arm on a side facing the pressing member, the stop member being located at least partially above the pressing member at a sufficient distance so that the pressing member contacts the stop member when a garment is inserted between the pressing member and the bar;

wherein the stop member projects laterally from the connecting part and has a thickness that increases from a proximal end attached to the connecting part to a free, distal end.

11. (Currently Amended) An end-clip as recited in claim 1, and further comprising a carrier element located at the ~~free~~ end of the arm away from the connecting part on a side thereof facing the bar, the pressing member being substantially centrally and pivotally supported by a free end of the carrier element.

12. (Currently Amended) An end-clip as recited in claim 1, and further comprising a carrier element located at the ~~free~~ end of the arm away from the connecting part on a side thereof facing the bar, the pressing member being supported by the carrier element in a region of an end of the pressing member distal the connecting part.

13. (*Currently Amended*) An end-clip as recited in claim 1, wherein the pressing member has an end proximal the connecting part and an end distal the connecting part, the distal end of the pressing member being connected to the ~~free~~ end of the arm.

14. (*Original*) An end-clip as recited in claim 1 wherein the stop member is made of a resilient material.

15. (*Original*) An end-clip as recited in claim 14, wherein the stop member is made of plastic.

[[17]] 16. (*Currently Amended*) A garment hanger, comprising:
an elongated bar having two opposite ends;
suspension means for suspending the bar from a support; and
an end-clip at each of the opposite ends of the bar for supporting garments from the hanger, each of the end-clips including:
a connecting part with a first end and a second end, the connecting part being joined at the first end to and extending from the end of the bar;
an arm joined to the second end of the connecting part so that the arm extends over the bar and forming a space between the arm and the bar;
an elongated pressing member carried by the arm so that the pressing member is biased towards the bar by the arm and so that a part of a garment is receivable between the pressing member and the bar, the pressing member being formed as an elongated beam pivotally supported by the arm; and
a stop member on at least one of the connecting part and the arm on a side facing the pressing member, the stop member being located above the pressing member at a distance so that the pressing member contacts the stop member when a garment is inserted between the pressing member and the bar;
wherein the stop member is resilient so as to flex and exert a counter force against the pressing member when the pressing member contacts the stop member when the garment is inserted between the pressing member and the bar.

[[18]] 17. (Currently Amended) An end-clip for a garment hanger, comprising:
a bar having an end;
a connecting part with a first end and a second end, the connecting part being joined at the first end to and extending from the end of the bar;
an arm with a first end and a second end, the first end of the arm being joined to the second end of the connecting part so that the arm extends over the bar and forms a space between the arm and the bar;
a carrier member joined to the second end of the arm; and
an elongated pressing member connected to and supported by the arm carrier member so that the pressing member is biased towards the bar by the arm and so that a part of a garment is receivable between the pressing member and the bar, ~~the pressing member and the carrier member having reinforced sections;~~
wherein the carrier member and the pressing member each increases in width towards the connection between the pressing member and the carrier member, the increased width of the carrier member and the pressing member providing reinforcement.

[[19]] 18. (Currently Amended) ~~A garment clip~~ An end-clip as recited in claim [[18]] 17, wherein the ~~reinforced sections are provided in a connection region between the pressing member and the carrier member whereby~~ increased width of the carrier member and the pressing member balances pressure applied by the pressing member along its length ~~is balanced~~ when a garment is inserted between the bar and the pressing member.

[[20]] 19. (Currently Amended) ~~A garment clip~~ An end-clip as recited in claim [[18]] 17, wherein the pressing member and the carrier member are made of plastic.

[[21]] 20. (Currently Amended) ~~A garment clip~~ An end-clip as recited in claim [[20]] 19, wherein the ~~reinforced regions~~ increased width of the carrier member and the pressing member are formed by thickened portions of the plastic.

[[22]] 21. (Currently Amended) ~~A garment clip~~ An end-clip as recited in claim [[18]] 17, and further comprising a stop member on at least one of the connecting part and the arm on a side facing the pressing member, the stop member being located above the pressing member at a distance so that the pressing member contacts the stop member when pivoted by inserting a garment between the pressing member and the bar.

[[23]] 22. (Currently Amended) A garment hanger comprising:
an elongated bar having two opposite ends;
suspension means for suspending the bar from a support; and
a garment clip at each of the opposite ends of the bar for supporting garments from the hanger, each of the garment clips including;
a connecting part with a first end and a second end, the connecting part being joined at the first end to and extending from the end of the bar;
an arm with a first end and a second end, the first end of the arm being joined to the second end of the connecting part so that the arm extends over the bar and forms a space between the arm and the bar;
a carrier member joined to the second end of the arm; and
an elongated pressing member connected to and pivotally supported by the ~~arm~~ carrier member so that the pressing member is biased towards the bar by the arm and so that a part of a garment is receivable between the pressing member and the bar, the pressing member being formed as an elongated beam, ~~the pressing member and the carrier member having reinforced sections;~~
wherein the carrier member and the pressing member each increases in width towards the connection between the pressing member and the carrier member, the increased width of the carrier member and the pressing member providing reinforcement.

[[24]] 23. (Currently Amended) A garment clip as recited in claim [[23]] 22, and further comprising a stop member on at least one of the connecting part and the arm on a side facing the

pressing member, the stop member being located above the pressing member at a distance so that the pressing member contacts the stop member when pivoted by inserting a garment between the pressing member and the bar.